Cigarette Tax Rate Increase

Effective Date  
The new tax rate begins May 1, 2010.

Tax Rate Increase  
Five cents per cigarette tax increase. That equals:
- $1.00 on a package of 20 cigarettes (from $2.025 to $3.025)
- $1.25 on a package of 25 cigarettes (from $2.53125 to $3.78125), or
- $10.00 per carton (from $20.25 to $30.25).

If you are a retailer:  
- you must inventory all cigarettes as of midnight, April 30, 2010.
- complete the Cigarette Floor Stock Tax Return, and
- mail with payment by June 1, 2010.

If you are a wholesaler:  
- you must inventory all stamped cigarettes as of midnight April 30, 2010.
- you must inventory all rolls of stamps as of midnight April 30, 2010.
- complete the Cigarette Floor Stock Tax Return, and
- mail with payment by June 1, 2010.

Inventory totals must include:  
- cigarettes in vending machines,
- cigarettes on delivery trucks, and
- cigarettes in transit.

Where to mail the Floor Stock Tax Return  
Department of Revenue
Special Programs Division
PO Box 47464
Olympia, WA 98504-7464

For more Information  
Call the Department of Revenue Telephone Information Center at 1-800-647-7706 regarding the cigarette tax increase or the Cigarette Floor Stock Tax Return.